Maharashtra for increased allocation of foodgrains in view of the drought conditions prevailing in the State, the State Government was allotted additional quantity of foodgrains (rice and wheat) in January, February, March and June, 1992 as indicated below:—

Month	Allocation of foodgrains (rice and wheat) (in tonnes)
January, 92 . .	50,000
February, 92 .	52,000
March, 92 . .	37,000
June, 92 . .	20,000

Grant of ISI marks to manufacturers

4631. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bureau of Indian Standards has been granting ISI marks to various manufacturers for thier production scheduled in quality control order without receiving testing reports;

(b) if so, the number of officials and industries involved in this scandal; and

(c) what action Government are taking against the officials concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

खाद्य वस्तुओं पर राज सहायता

4632. **श्री वीरेन जे० शाह :**
डा० जितेन्द्र कुमार जैन :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली पर बढ़ते दबाव के कारण खाद्य वस्तुओं पर सरकार द्वारा दी जाने वाली राज सहायता की मात्रा में वृद्धि की जा रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि हाल में खाद्य वस्तुओं पर राज सहायता में 300 करोड रुपए तक वृद्धि करने के लिए एक मांग की गई है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या उक्त वस्तुओं पर राज सहायता में वृद्धि का उपभोक्ताओं पर कोई प्रभाव पड़ा है ; और

(घ) इस अतिरिक्त सुविधा से आम उपभोक्ता को क्या लाभ मिलने की संभावना है ?

नागरिक आपूर्ति और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमालुद्दीन अहमद) : (क) से (घ) सरकार द्वारा सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के जरिए वस्तुओं का वितरण करने में वहन की जाने वाली राज सहायता की मात्रा , वसूली-लागतों, उठाई जाने वाली मात्रा के स्तर, खाद्यान्न के उपलब्ध भंडार की मात्रा तथा वसूली के बाद होने वाली संचालन लागतों पर निर्भर करती है । 1992–93 के बजट में खाद्य राजसहायता के लिए 2500 करोड रुपए का बजट प्रावधान किया गया है, जिसमें सम्पुष्ट सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के तहत चुने क्षेत्रों में वितरित किए जाने वाले खाद्यान्नों तथा उक्त क्षेत्रों में गोदामों का निर्माण करने के लिए रखी गई 250 करोड रुपए की अतिरिक्त राजसहायता शामिल नहीं है । चूंकि सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के जरिए वितरित किए जाने वाले खाद्यान्नों का केंद्रीय निर्गम मूल्य वसूली लागतों से कम है, अत: उपभोक्ताओं को सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के जरिए राजसहायता युक्त खाद्यान्न का लाभ मिलता है ।

Frivolous Consumer Complaints

4633. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints lodged by consumers before the State

Commissions and district forums established under the Consumer Protection Act found to be frivolous during the last three years with details of each State and Union Territory in the country;

(b) what action Government have taken to discourage the filing of frivolous complaints;

(c) whether Government propose to amend the Consumer Protection Act to provide for penal action for filing false and frivolous complaints; and

(d) if not so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) to (d) The High Powered Working Group, in its Report on the amendment of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 has recommended that the National Commission/State Commissions/District Forums should be empowered to punish the complaint if he files a malicious complaint. The recommendation is under consideration of the Government.

Allocation of quota of edible oils and essential commodities to Maharashtra

4634. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharashtra Government have submitted any proposal for allocation of quota of edible oils and other essential commodities especially for meeting the needs of the people during the ensuing festive season;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c) Demands from States/U.Ts. including Maharashtra for there is no proposal for additional allocation of foodgrains etc. for the PDS are received from time to time. Allocation of PDS commodities is supplemental in nature and cannot meet the total demands of the States/UTs. There is no proposal for specific additional allocation of rice and wheat for the festival season from Maharashtra Government. However, a quantity of 9014 tonnes of levy sugar has been allotted to the State for the purpose. Of this, 4014 tonnes have been released alongwith the quota of August, 1992; the balance will be released alongwith the October quota.

Allocation of imported edible oils is subject to its availability with the Central Government. A quality of 2000 tonnes of Palmolein have been allotted to the State in July, 1992.

Supply of essential commodities Orissa

4635. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total requirement of Government of Orissa for the months of April, May, June, July, 1992, with regard to essential commodities like rice, wheat, levy sugar, palmolive oil, kerosene oil and what was the actual quantity supplied by Central Government; and

(b whether the supply was less than the requirement, if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) The demand of